

Huron-Manistee National Forests
05 Continued Occupancy, Use and Maintenance of Wakeley Lake Residence Authorization
South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan
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The Huron-Manistee National Forests received a request from Wittenberg University for the continued use, occupancy, and maintenance of Wakeley Lake residence. The request is to use the residence as part of a year-round educational classroom for outdoor studies, research opportunities and student/volunteer summer housing for another year. Wakeley Lake Residence is located in SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Section 23, T26N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. This decision will be implemented by issuing a one-year special-use permit for the improvements and mowed area (approximately 1.5 acres).

Wittenberg first received a permit for use of the Wakeley Lake residence in 2008. A new authorization would be an administrative action and would not increase the scope or intensity of the original authorized activities.

A special use fee will be waived and the authorization issued "Free Use" in accordance with 36 CFR 251.57(b) (1) because Wittenberg University is a corporation operated as an educational institution and 251.57(b)(3) and because "the holder provides without charge, or at a reduced charge, a valuable benefit to the public or to the programs of the secretary". The benefit provided is research and educational opportunities for students in natural resources.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this road please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.